



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE MATTER OF:

GROUP: 3679

KATAYAMA, et al

SERIAL NO.: 10/775,474

EXAMINER: BOCHNA, David

FILED: February 9, 2004

FOR: CONNECTING STRUCTURE FOR A THERMOPLASTIC TUBE, INTEGRATED
ASSEMBLY AND METHOD

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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This is in response to the outstanding office action dated October 5, 2005.
Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time for responding to the
office action until December 5, 2005.

All necessary fees corresponding to this application should be deducted
from Deposit Account Number 01-1944.

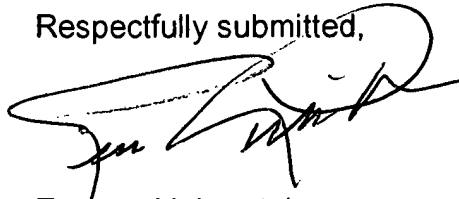
Applicant provisionally elects Group I inclusive of claims 1-12 drawn to an
apparatus classified in class 285, subclass 242 for prosecution on the merits under 35
USC 121.

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Applicant does not elect to traverse this Restriction Requirement.
However, applicant reserves the right to file a product-by-process claim based upon the combination of claims 1-12 and 13-18 as well as a divisional application directed to Group II inclusive of claims 13-18.

Prosecution on the merits of claims 1-12 is now respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

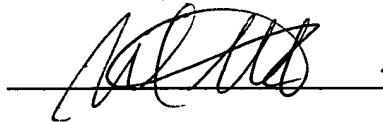


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